

One Hundred Sixth Congress
of the
United States of America

AT THE SECOND SESSION

*Begun and held at the City of Washington on Monday,
the twenty-fourth day of January, two thousand*

An Act

To amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to improve the program for American Indian Tribal Colleges and Universities under part A of title III.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of
the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

SECTION 1. APPLICATIONS FOR AND AWARD OF GRANTS.

(a) **SIMPLIFICATION OF APPLICATIONS.**—Sections 316(d)(2) and 317(d)(2) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1059c(d)(2), 1059d(d)(2)) are each amended by inserting after the first sentence the following: “The Secretary shall, to the extent possible, prescribe a simplified and streamlined format for such applications that takes into account the limited number of institutions that are eligible for assistance under this section.”

(b) **SPECIAL RULES FOR AWARDS.**—

(1) **TRIBAL COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES.**—Section 316(d) of such Act is further amended by striking paragraph (3) and inserting the following:

“(3) **SPECIAL RULES.**—

“(A) **ELIGIBILITY.**—No Tribal College or University that receives funds under this section shall concurrently receive funds under other provisions of this part or part B.

“(B) **EXEMPTION.**—Section 313(d) shall not apply to institutions that are eligible to receive funds under this section.

“(C) **DISTRIBUTION.**—In awarding grants under this section, the Secretary shall, to the extent possible and consistent with the competitive process under which such grants are awarded, ensure maximum and equitable distribution among all eligible institutions.”

(2) **ALASKAN NATIVE AND NATIVE HAWAIIAN INSTITUTIONS.**—Section 317 of such Act is further amended by striking subsection (e) and by inserting at the end of subsection (d) the following new paragraph:

“(3) **SPECIAL RULES.**—

“(A) **ELIGIBILITY.**—No Alaskan Native-serving institution or Native Hawaiian-serving institution that receives funds under this section shall concurrently receive funds under other provisions of this part or part B.

“(B) **EXEMPTION.**—Section 313(d) shall not apply to institutions that are eligible to receive funds under this section.

“(C) **DISTRIBUTION.**—In awarding grants under this section, the Secretary shall, to the extent possible and consistent with the competitive process under which such

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grants are awarded, ensure maximum and equitable distribution among all eligible institutions.”.

(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this Act shall be effective on the date of the enactment of this Act.

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

*Vice President of the United States and
President of the Senate.*